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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 03/096117 A (GALLEN NIAL ANTHONY ; SCREEN TECHNOLOGY LTD (GB); BAYLEY PAUL ANDREW () 20 November 2003 (2003-11-20) page 15, line 20 - page 17, line 2; figures 16a,16b	1-7
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1. claims: 1-7

Subject 1 relates to a display with a display device, pixels, and image guide, and to the mounting of the image guide to a frame comprising optically transmitting means including reflecting surfaces.

2. claims: 8-19

Subject 2 relates to a display with pixels and light transmitting element for displaying an image, and to a polarising layer disposed between the display device and the light transmitting element.

3. claims: 20-28

Subject 3 relates to a backlit display with backlight, modulator, and light redirecting means.

4. claims: 29-39

Subject 4 relates to a display with display panel, pixels, and image guide, and to a two part frame for fixing the image guide to the display panel.

5. claims: 40-45

Subject 5 relates to a display with a plurality of image guides which are connected to each other via a special frame structure allowing a relative movement of the image guides with respect to a base.

6. claims: 46-50

Subject 6 relates to a display with display device, pixels, and image guide, the image guide consisting of several light guides which are surrounded by an electrically conductive and light absorbing material.

7. claims: 51-54

Subject 7 relates to tiled display with a plurality of display panels and to display control means.

8. claims: 55-58

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Subject 8 relates to a backlit display with display device and pixels, having a backlight with a special spectral characteristic.

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